

## HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING NOVEMBER 27, 2007

The Hall County Board of Supervisors met November 27, 2007, by published call in the County Board meeting room, 121 South Pine, Grand Island.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Scott Arnold.

INVOCATION - Invocation was given by Robert Rye.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were, Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Robert Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster, Robert Rye and Daniel Wagoner. Also present was a representative from the Grand Island Independent and Deputy County Attorney Michelle Oldham

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING LAW - Chairman Arnold read the notice of open meeting law.

CONSENT AGENDA – Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to approve the following by consent agenda:

1. Place on file the minutes of the November 13, 2007 meeting
2. Post pone items #6 regarding the courthouse remodeling project
3. Post pone item #7 regarding the contract with Victor Aufdenberge Architecture for project execution
4. #9 Accept the corrections steering committee recommendation to set the bid opening for office furniture for January 8, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.
5. #10 Accepted the correction steering committee recommendation to authorize the Chair to sign the agreement with Maximus for the per diem study, this is a one year contract
6. #11 Placed on file the Hall County Keno Financial report for quarter ending September 30, 2007
7. #12 Placed on file the Hall County Keno Special Report for year ending June 20, 2007
8. #13 Placed on file communications from Regional Planning
9. #16 Placed on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts
10. #17 Placed on file communications as received

Eriksen questioned the length of the contract with Maximus for the per diem study and it was noted that this is a one year contract.

Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

COUNTY ATTORNEY – No items were listed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Chairman Arnold called for public participation and no one responded.

9:10 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. held a Board of Equalization meeting.

5a PUBLIC WORKS DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION REGARDING SPEED LIMIT STUDY FOR SHADY BEND ROAD AND BISMARK ROAD – County surveyor Casey Sherlock and Grand Island Public Works Director Steve Riehle were present. The board members received a copy of the speed study for this road. The report was completed on November 5.

Jeffries stated that he appreciated the joint effort between the City and County to address this situation.

Mr. Riehle stated that they have to follow the manuals and they dictate that this project should be a joint effort. There are portions of this road where the speed limits are intermittent and the city will also address these issues.

Lancaster thanked them for the joint effort and the completion of the project.

Lancaster made a motion and Wagoner seconded to approve Resolution #07-081 establishing a maximum lawful speed of 45 miles per hour for vehicular traffic on Bismark Road from Stuhr east through Shady Bend Road to Gunbarrel Road. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Approve Resolution #07-082 establishing a maximum lawful speed of 45 miles for traffic on Shady Bend Road from the existing 35 mile per hour speed zone 200' South of Gregory Avenue through Bismark Road South to Stolley Park Road. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Approved Resolution #07-083 to erect a stop sign at Shady Bend Road and Bismark Road. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Wagoner requested that public works check on a problem with garbage trucks losing pieces of plastic.

8. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON TRACT PREVIOUS DESIGNATED TO NPPD – Eriksen stated that the Reuse committee met for two house on Monday. Jay Hodges from the Army Corp of Engineers gave a presentation explaining their position and the clean up status. The committee held public participation and then entered into discussion regarding this. One motion was made to designate Tome Baxter for the NPPD tract and that motion failed 6 to 3. A subsequent motion was make by Mike Olsen to have all interested parties present a business plan by January 7, 2007 and a decision would be made by the committee by January 13, 2008. This property has to be sold by September 30, 2008.

Eriksen made a motion to have a business plan submitted by January 13, 2008 and a decision would be made on January 13 no second motion failed.

Chairman Arnold called for public participation – Mark Vest with Heritage Disposal requested to speak to the County Board. He stated that this issue has came up rather quickly and he stated that Heritage has interest in waste water treatment and there is also interest from DTE Rail. When this first came about Heritage and DTE discussed it together so all of the business ventures would enhance each other. CAAP is a unique entity and because of the contamination of the land there are permanent restrictions. There are concerns that residential impingements would need to be restricted. He noted that there are other law enforcement agencies that may be looking at this land. He is requesting that the board ask for a comprehensive development plan.

Chairman Arnold called for public participation and Tom Baxter with T & E and B &E Cattle Company requested to speak to the board. He stated that the board received communications 6 weeks ago regarding the designation change.

He stead that he did an analysis regarding the designation of the land. They wanted to purchase the land to expand their west feed yard. He asked the board the following questions:

- Who was to get the land
- Who said was to get the land back on the tax roles
- Who has asked to be designated before but was turned down though there was agreement
- Who has been active buyer every time there is land up for auction
- Who said they would cooperate with the development and a1000 acres was resold to Heritage Disposal
- Who made the first request to the county board last week
- Who demonstrated that the dollars come back to Grand Island
- Who would and could pay for the land now only Big B would

He stated that they will not present a glorified business plan but a plan that would be achievable. With infrastructure and rails in place it would make a huge difference.

Chairman Arnold called for other public participation regarding the designation and no one responded.

Eriksen stated that he would like to respond to a couple of comments. He noted that he received a letter dated October 22, 2007 addressing these issues and he explained that he would contact the Army Corp of Engineers to see what needed to be done.

Arnold noted that this economic development is unique because of the contamination issues at CAAP.

Eriksen made a motion and Jeffries seconded to accept business proposal regarding the proposed use of the CAAP ground. They are to be submitted to the reuse committee by January 7, 2008 and the committee will meet on January 21, 2008 to review them and make a recommendation to the County Board.

Wagoner questioned if there could be an auction to sell the land.

Lancaster expressed concern that with a business plan if there are no consequences to a deadline what would happen. She questioned if the county should consider purchasing the land and consider what the option could be. Discussion was held that the long range planning committee should look at this and consider if the county should also submit a plan.

The vote on the motion to accept business plans was taken. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Lancaster made a motion and Rye seconded to have the long range planning committee consider a business plan for the property and submit the proposal to the reuse committee. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and Jeffries voted no. Motion carried.

Eriksen stated that there is one vacancy on the Reuse Committee because Steve Christensen has left and it was a recommendation of the committee to leave this position vacant at the time so no action is necessary from the county board. He also noted that going forward there will need to be some communications and he suggested that the reuse committee address these issues to get the information to the parties that have submitted the business proposals.

Jeffries stated that he made a motion at the reuse committee meeting to appoint Gary Hedman to the reuse committee but the committee wanted to wait.

Going forward any communications regarding these issues will be forward to Mr. Eriksen.

**14. COMMENCE AUDIT OF BI WEEKLY PAY CLAIMS AND REGULAR CLAIMS AND ACTION ON CLAIM AUDIT –** The Board members reviewed the claims.

Lancaster made a motion and Eriksen seconded to approve the bi weekly pay claims and regular claims but to hold claim #468 for clarification. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS –** It was noted that Mr. Jeffries light needs repaired.

Lancaster stated that several meetings were held on the court house remodeling that came from the appointment of another District Judge. The County Board wants to make sure that this is a working court house and with the vacation of the safety center it can be used as a courthouse annex they are looking at the most efficient way to accomplish this.

Wagon stated that he had two meetings a meeting with CNCS and a telephone conference with Mid Plains regarding the resignation of the director. The current director has agreed to stay one more year as the other applicant will need some time to take care of his clients.

Jeffries noted that the appointment of the Judge is state ordered and the county has to pay. Arnold noted that it is important to look at the long term needs of the court house.

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Wagoner stated that the corrections steering committee is looking at a new pickup for the department and this was included in the bond money. They will use the state bid to acquire this. It was discussed to move a vehicle from building and grounds but that would have to come out of the regular budget. Lancaster noted that the bond issue is accountable on a daily basis and there is a specific budget.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. the next meeting will be December 11, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

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Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk